

REMARKS**Paragraphs 1-8 of the Office Action**

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,660,227 to Ordaz. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ordaz in view of U.S. Patent 6,592,026 to Vilardi. Claims 2, 4-6, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended and now includes the limitations of as-filed claim 2. Based on the Examiner's comments and the cited prior art, it is believed that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 3 and 5-8 each ultimately depend from claim 1 and therefore are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

New Claims

New claim 10 includes the limitations of originally filed claims 1 and 5. Based on the Examiner's comments and the cited prior art, it is believed that claim 10 is in condition for allowance. Claims 11-14 depend from claim 10 and are also believed to be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added and all references therein are fully supported by the claims and specification as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courtcously solicited.

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